

REMARKS

The Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following species, one of which must be elected:

Species A, drawn to Figs. 10-12, readable on Claims 1-11; or

Species B, drawn to Figs. 13-14, readable on Claims 12-16.

For purposes of providing a complete reply to the Action, Applicant elects Species A (Claims 1-11) for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse, however, because the nature of the subject matter is such that it would enable the Examiner to search the claims of Species A and B. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not create an undue hardship on the Examiner to search Species A and B together since the search will be conducted within the same field of search. (See M.P.E.P. § 803).

Claims to the non-elected inventions are withdrawn, without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications thereon. It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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